GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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DD KENDRA - II, MANDI HOUSE
ANNA SAHEB M.K. PATIL

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an unnecessary delay in the construction of Door-Darshan Kendra−II at Mandi House New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith time and cost overrun;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken for an early construction of the project ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d): Prasar Bharati has informed that there has been delay in the construction of Doordarshan Bhawan (Phase-II) building, due to failure on the part of the construction agency. Consequently, earlier contract for civil works was rescinded and fresh contract for the completion of balance works has been awarded in May, 2001. While the project was originally targeted for completion by March 1999, it is now expected to be completed by 2002-2003. Prasar Bharati does not anticipate any over-run of the costs approved in 1994, at present. Prasar Bharati is taking all possible steps to have the project completed by the end of 2002-2003.